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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

weight resorbable fragments upon hydrolytic degradation, one or more void spaces, and a buffering or neutralizing agent.

Please cancel claim 2.

3. (amended) The resorbable interbody spinal fusion device of claim [2] 1, wherein one of said one or more void spaces contains a grafting material for facilitating bony development and/or spinal fusion.

Please cancel claims 9 and 10.

Please cancel claims 21-23.

Please cancel claim 32.

33. (amended) [A] The resorbable interbody spinal fusion device for spinal fixation of claim 1, [said device comprising 25-100% resorbable material, said device further comprising a buffering or neutralizing agent] wherein said buffering or neutralizing agent is hydroxyapatite[, and wherein said device further comprises one or more void spaces therein].

Please cancel claim 34.

Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 2, 9, and 10. These claims have therefore been cancelled. Claims 32 and 34 have also been cancelled, as have the non-elected claims 21-23.

This application is a continuation of an application which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,241,771 to Gresser, et al., with the following claims:

1. A substantially wedge shaped resorbable interbody spinal fusion device, wherein said device is substantially manufactured from a resorbable material of poly(D,L-lactide-co-glycolide),